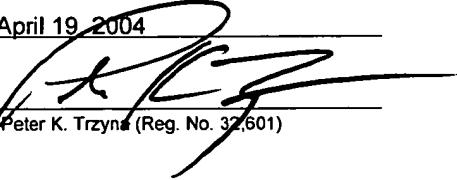


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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This is a Petition for Extension of Time for three months to file the enclosed RCE and Amendment After Final in the above-referenced patent application. If additional time is necessary, this Petition is to be deemed a Petition for such time as necessary to accept the documents filed herewith.

Applicant claims small entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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